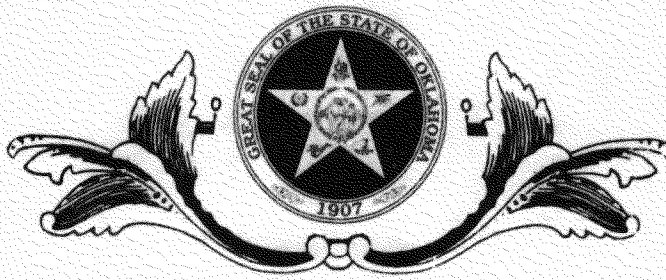


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Proclamation

Whereas, V-J Day, otherwise known as Victory over Japan and Victory in the Pacific Day, is a day that commemorates Japan's surrender during World War II, thereby bringing an end to the war; and

Whereas, the Japanese formally surrendered to the Allies on August 14th, 1945, a date ending World War II, followed by the condition being made official on September 1, 1945 with the signing of the Japanese Instrument of Surrender aboard the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay; and

Whereas, in the announcement of final victory for the Armed Forces of the United States and its Allied Nations defending the cause of liberty, justice, and freedom, the most terrible and devastating war known to man came to an end; and

Whereas, the celebration of the 78th Anniversary of the historic V-J Day gives us the opportunity to reflect on the past and renew our patriotism so that we may continue to live in freedom and seek peace so that our veterans will not have died in vain; and

Whereas, this world inspiring and most significant event is occasion for appropriate celebration, rejoicing, and thanksgiving;

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim August 12, 2023, as

"The 78th Anniversary of V-J Day"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this twenty-sixth day of July, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the State of Oklahoma in the One-hundred and Fifteenth year.

Brian Blugin
SECRETARY OF STATE

Kevin Stitt
GOVERNOR

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